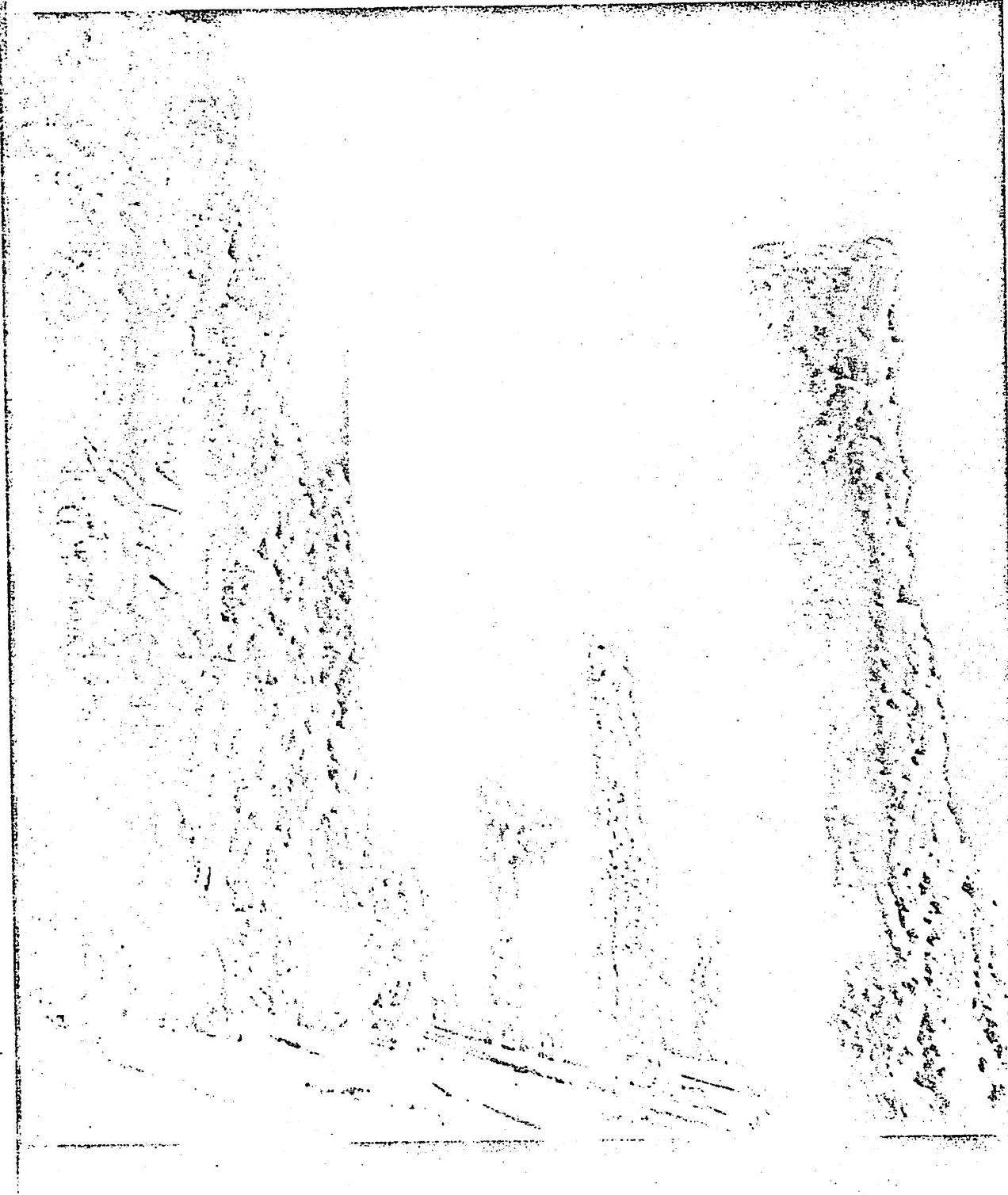


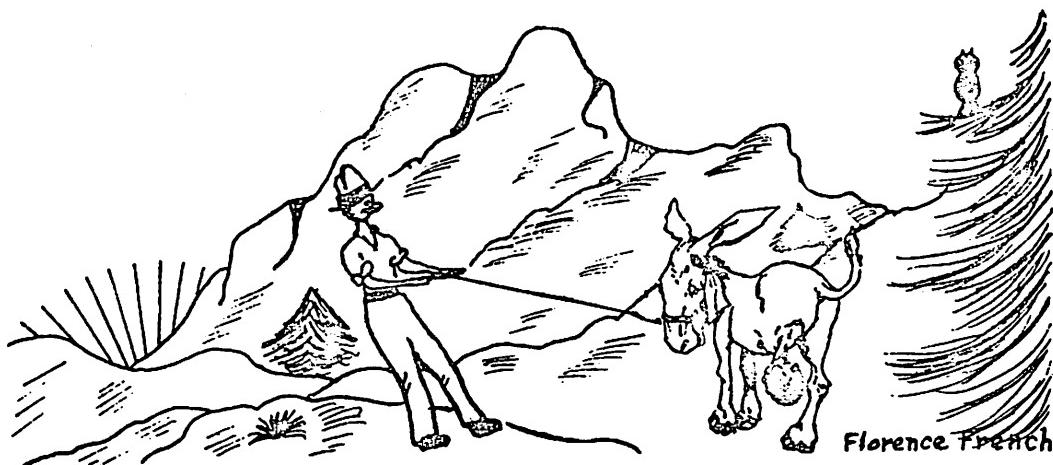
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Florence French

TO A BALKY BURRO

Inspired by a campfire yarn told at the last meeting of the Southern California Outdoor Federation, in conclave assembled at Griffith Park

WITH PROFUSE APOLOGIES TO KIPLING

You can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and cussing loud at you;
You can serenely wait while men that doubt you
Beat your hide and break strong sticks in two;
Yes, you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
And swish a tail to brush away the flies,
Nor give a darn—a stronger word I should be stating—
That night has come to blacken out the skies.

You can dream—but how about your master,
Who wanted to make camp ere it was dark?
Think you that this is no disaster,
Here upon a mountainside to park?
If I could talk to you and keep my virtue,
I would tell you much that's on my mind.
Since neither sticks, nor stones, nor words can hurt you,
Some other method I shall have to find.

Next time I'll bring some grapefruit bitter,
An orange, lemon, or perhaps a lime,
For I am told, you long-eared critter,
For these 'most any mountain trail you'll climb.
Is there no way here in the gloaming,
To move those legs a single inch,
Or must I cease my mountain roaming?
There's not much choice, it seems a cinch.

L'Envoi

At last the twilight has faded; out of the darkness of night
Comes the lonesome hoot of the owl; the mosquitoes have started to bite.
I shall rest, for I doubt I can sleep—lie down for an hour or two—
Till the morning breaks and the day starts this struggle anew!

—W. C. BARRY



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OUR COVER PICTURE

"Trees in Icy Raiment"—Paul Zinke. This January scene is on the south slope of Mt. San Antonio, near the summit. Moisture from drifting fogs had frozen for a week on these lodgepole pines, covering them with a heavy ice sheath. The grove is in plain sight of the Los Angeles City Hall.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After a few preliminary meetings, those devoted to the welfare of our magnificent mountain playground, founded the Southern California Outdoor Federation in the fall of 1939. The charter members, who pioneered the movement with no expectation of immediate reward, are seeing their faith bear fruit. Unhurried planning has permitted the clearer vision and crystallization of purpose that conduces to well-grounded progress.

A steadily increasing number realize the strength in organized effort. The membership now totals 218, including ten organizations, six contributing members, and three life members. We confidently expect to grow to 3000 within a few years.

Our outstanding achievement is the re-establishment of TRAILS MAGAZINE, again a staunch champion of the welfare of our mountain heritage. The many testimonials received are gratifying. Our next definite goal is securing the support that will insure the continuance of the magazine; then its size and attractiveness can be steadily improved.

Trail work instills a deeper feeling of pride, ownership, and responsibility in the preservation and development of our mountain recreational areas. We repaired the Dark Canyon Trail above the Angeles Crest Highway so well that two heavy storms immediately afterward did negligible damage. Under Forest Service supervision, on the Lightning Trail to connect Three Points with Waterman—Twin Peaks Saddle, 1000 feet were built the first Trail Day; and later 200 feet thru rocky ground. Six annual Trail Days have been set aside.

Our first general meeting, at the Big Fireplace in Griffith Park on Sep 14, was a great success. More than 80 people became better acquainted with each other and our objectives. Semi-annual meetings are hereafter to be held in May and Sep, the latter probably in connection with the Mountain Play.

The Federation plans active cooperation with the Forest Service during 1942: in the semi-centennial celebration of the founding of the Angeles Forest, an opportune time to revive the annual Mountain Marathon and initiate the annual Mountain Play; in appropriately naming the trails; and in publishing a convenient handbook of Trail Trips.

Members of the Federation! You have embarked on a venture that challenges each to a conscious effort to acquaint others with the genuine need of promoting the welfare of the great mountain playground above us.

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—E C BOWER

FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGNS DO PAY

GEO. H. CECIL, Executive Secretary
*Conservation Association of
 Southern California*

Although the fire danger rating this year in the Angeles Forest has proved to be about the average of the last five years, the number of fires started has been only 55% and the area burned only 7% of the average in the same five-year period. This great reduction is in large measure due to arousing public awareness by the psychologic effect of the "fag" bag ceremony, suggested by Arnold B. Larson of the Forest Service and briefly described in a news item in the Autumn TRAILS MAGAZINE (page 5), and by intensive campaign largely motivated by Geo. H. Cecil. Public education does abundantly repay for the effort expended.

—WILLIAM V. MENDENHALL,
Supervisor, Angeles Forest

To meet the extreme fire hazard which was confronting Southern California as a result of the heavy rains of the preceding winter, which had produced a tremendous growth of highly inflammable material, the Conservation Association of Southern California and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce decided to support a campaign of public education in care with fire. The object was to reach the maximum number of users of these highly dangerous areas, and particularly the thousands of new residents who did not realize the hazards involved or the values at stake.

With no funds for such a campaign, the only method apparently available was to secure cooperation from organizations and groups in a position to reach the public. Space was voluntarily furnished in the house organs of various industries and groups, particularly the public utilities, and the columns of the Downtown Shopping News, which has a circulation of about 430,000. Many other groups cooperated, including the press, the radio, major oil companies, American Legion, citrus associations, and others too numerous to mention. The net result was a coverage of at least 2,000,000 people.

While we cannot claim credit for the fact that the season just past has been one of the most favorable from the standpoint of watershed fires in the last decade, we do feel that at least a part of these very desirable results were attributable to our campaign. Furthermore, the Federal, State, and County agencies agree that the campaign was highly successful and urge that it be undertaken again next season.

NEWS ITEMS

Angeles Forest

A committee of outstanding Southern Californians is being formed for the year-long celebration in 1942 of the golden anniversary of the Angeles National Forest. In 1892 President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed the establishment of the San Gabriel Timberland Reserve, as the Forest was originally known. It was the first such reserve in California. One tentative plan is to secure the voluntary co-operation of the public in starting a number of groves within the Forest.

The agricultural teachers in the Los Angeles senior and junior high schools are cooperating with the Forest Service in an extensive program for the students to raise many thousands of seedlings for transplanting in the Angeles Forest.

The three-mile trail from Buckhorn Flat to the summit of Mt Waterman has been completed.

Another trail, five or six miles long, from Three Points along the ridge to Mt Waterman is projected.

A fire road is replacing the trail from the Mt Wilson Road, via San Gabriel Cliff and Mt Lowe Tavern, to the Brown Mt Truck Road.

County Forestry Department

In Crystal Lake the goldfish had increased to thousands, many weighing several pounds each, and were driving out the trout by eating their spawn. Timbo root with 5% rotenone in a mud mixture, dragged back and forth in the lake, drugged the fish in a few hours, causing them to float. The goldfish were destroyed and the trout held for a month, while the lake was clearing, in large tanks of aerated running water. The lake was restocked with rainbow trout.

The attendance at Crystal Lake Park was: Sep, 27,250; Oct, 7,886; Nov, 10,658.

The cork oak, *Quercus suber*, a native of Southern Europe and Northern Africa, furnishes the cork of commerce. It attains a height of 40 feet, and the bark is stripped every 12 to 15 years. Experiments indicate that the tree will thrive in Los Angeles Co. About 1000 seedlings are offered free, in lots of at least 50 or more, for planting by property owners in mountainous areas only.

Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce

50\$ in prizes are offered for photographs of forest recreational subjects: camping, hiking, fishing, etc, suitable for use in next summer's fire prevention campaign. For details call Geo. Cecil, PR 3431.

HARMON O. SCHWOOB, 1905-1941

GLEN E. SINDEL, *District Ranger*
Mt Baldy District, Angeles Forest

It was at approximately ten o'clock on the evening of September 20, 1941, that the tragedy occurred. Harmon O. Schwoob, in line of duty, responded to a call on what might have been just another case of relatively infrequent violation of the game regulations.

Rincon Guard Station reported that a spotlight poacher had killed a doe within the Game Refuge, and was escaping down San Gabriel Canyon. Mr. Schwoob left his station in an official car, and drove to the mouth of the canyon in order to intercept the fleeing violators. The suspected car was sighted, and a hot pursuit led down into the outskirts of Azusa.

The subsequent details are being established in the pending murder trial. It suffices to say that, in attempting to apprehend the suspects, Mr. Schwoob was shot and killed with a high-powered rifle.

To those of us who are interested in the great out-of-doors, and the preservation of our wild life and other forest resources, it seems particularly regrettable that the splendid record maintained over a long period of years by the thousands of sportsmen annually frequenting the Angeles Forest should be marred by this tragic episode.

Mr. Schwoob was born at Cody, Wyoming, in 1905. Here at the foot of the great Rocky Mountains he spent his childhood and learned the charm of mountain, forest, and stream. After completing high school at Cody and Lander, Wyoming, he came to Southern California, and trained for three years in the U. S. Army Reserve Flying Corps. He married in September 1930, and began his career in the Forest Service in 1933 on the Angeles Forest. Starting as a temporary Forest Guard, he worked his way through the several guard classifications to the position of Protective Assistant, acting as an Assistant District Ranger, in the Mt. Baldy District.

Mr. Schwoob's untimely death was a terrible shock, both to his fellow forest officers and to all of his many friends.

State Division of Fish and Game

Experiments during the past year show that fish grow in the spring water at Fillmore, Ventura Co., at least as well as at Hot Creek. Thirty semi-natural rearing ponds are in construction there. Raising 600,000 trout yearly at the Fillmore Hatchery will allow greater numbers for stocking the lakes and streams of Southern California.

TREE PLANTINGS NEAR PASADENA

JOE HATTERSLEY

1941 is the fiftieth anniversary of the building of the Mt. Lowe Railway. In January in honor of the builder, Thaddeus S. C. Lowe, the Forestry Club of Pasadena Junior College, in cooperation with the Southern California Outdoor Federation and other outdoor clubs, sponsored the planting of 100 pine seedlings on Echo Mt. After the first dry season and severe rodent attacks, 64 of the trees are alive and healthy.

Such results encourage greater efforts. This winter, 700 trees, three species of pine, three of oak, three of eucalyptus, buckeye, sumac, and others, from the backyard nursery of the writer, will be experimentally planted in the foothills above Pasadena according to a careful plan. The following winter, experiments with several additional species will be made.

Planting begins on Sunset Ridge Road the first Sunday after a drenching winter rain, and continues each Sunday until finished. Persons interested in helping are welcome.

The Angeles Forest Club will sponsor Sunday, Jan. 18, as a special planting day. Readers of TRAILS MAGAZINE and others interested are cordially invited to help. Near north end of Lake Av., Altadena, turn east on Attica St. to old R.R. tracks and park. Proceed north $\frac{1}{4}$ mile up the tracks to the planting site on a gentle south slope.



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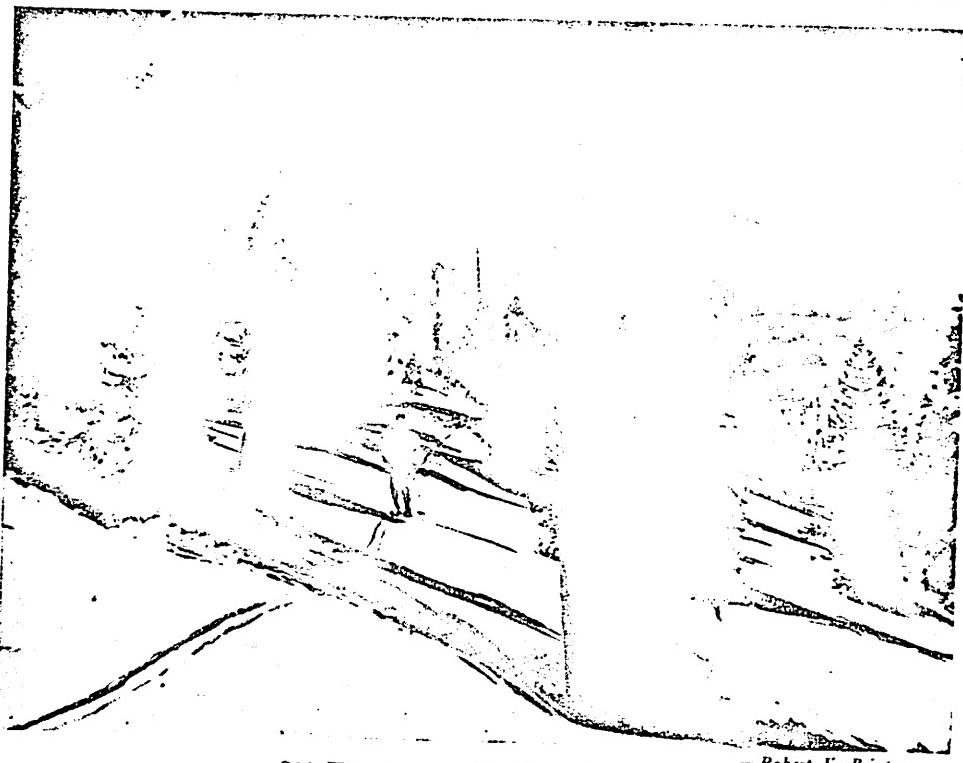
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Gentlemen:

In reviewing your Autumn Number of TRAILS MAGAZINE, I was certainly delighted with the splendid come-back you have made. Needless to say, we are very much pleased with your objective, and feel that your organization can be of tremendous help in all phases of conservation in Southern California.

We certainly want to thank you for giving us as much space as you have in this issue, and hope that we will be able to contribute to the success of the magazine in the future.

Very truly yours,
 WM. V. MENDENHALL, *Forest Supervisor.*



—Robert K. Brinton

Ski Touring on Mt. San Antonio

TRAILS AND TRACKS

HOWARD KOSTER, Vice-Chairman
Ski Mountaineers Section of Sierra Club

To those who love the high mountains, skiing has much more to offer than a fast run down a packed slope. The skier who always stays near the resorts and does all of his climbing via the ski-tow may have a joyous day from the thrill of speed and turns. He may come home happily tired with his mind not on the aching bones but on how, at last, he had made a certain difficult run without a spill.

But the skier who has not, with a couple of companions, left the practice slopes for a tour into the beauty and solitude of an untracked, snowy wilderness, has a great experience awaiting him. A panorama of the surrounding mountains, the coastal valleys, the ocean and its islands, the great desert, and the snowy peaks of distant ranges from Mexico to the High Sierra, may be seen from several of our higher peaks.

One need not be an expert skier to enjoy touring. In fact, one of the most attractive things about skiing is that with only a little practice and skill one can get along well enough for an easy tour. Such a person should pick an area where there are uncleared roads

and stay on the road. Thus he will be in no danger of becoming lost or of encountering terrain too difficult for him. A person who has reached the status of a fourth class skier will have no difficulty in finding suitable terrain for touring at any of the skiing centers.

To the more experienced skier the mountains of Southern California offer innumerable opportunities for touring or ski mountaineering trips. I mention ski mountaineering because it is a logical step beyond that of plain ski touring. By ski mountaineering we mean traveling on skis for several days at a time, away from roads and cabins, carrying the entire supplies for the trip on one's back.

Many square miles of wonderful ski country in the San Gorgonio area await the ski mountaineer. The same is true of the San Jacinto area; it has some of the finest ski slopes in Southern California, yet due to its distance from roads it has seen but few skiers.

And so if there are any of you who love the out-of-doors, the mountains, and the forests, who love to hike the trails but who have stayed away from the high country in the winter, don't let the snow make you stay home. Let that same snow which brings an indescribable beauty to the mountains be the means for you to enjoy that beauty.

CARE OF YOUR SKIS

WALTER DOUGLAS HEIDEMAN
President, *Snow Valley Ski Club*

A few hints may not be amiss in preparing your ski equipment for the Southern California ski season which has now begun.

First examine your skis for damage, such as cracks, gouges in the bottoms, or loose and broken edges and tips. Bad cracks and splintered or broken tips can be successfully mended by a competent ski repairman. Chipped or worn places in the wood can be filled with plastic wood and sanded smooth.

Moisture enters wherever the finish is worn off or scratched, and contributes to the warping and flattening so common in neglected equipment. If the tops are in fair condition, brush the scratches with any good outside varnish, but if there is much exposed surface, the tops should be entirely refinished.

If the wood of the bottoms seems rather dry, a good coat of hot boiled linseed oil is necessary. Heat the oil container in a pan of water, *never* directly over an open flame. Let the coat of oil remain on the bottoms for about 30 minutes, then rub clean with a cloth. Let dry for a day or two, the longer the better the base coat will adhere, and sand with medium sand paper. Then apply any of several excellent bases, the number of coats depending on the type of material used.

And don't overlook an inspection of the bindings and poles.

Altho most skiing is done without benefit of wax, many skiers are of the opinion that waxing increases the efficiency. Since there are almost as many theories as there are waxers, judgment in this matter will be left each to his own individual taste.

With your skiing equipment in good order at the beginning, you are much more certain of maximum enjoyment of the winter season's most popular sport.

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—H.M.H.

Camp Catering—LOUISE AND JOEL HILDEBRAND. "How to rustle grub for hikers, campers, mountaineers, packers, canoeists, hunters, fishermen and skiers"—\$1.50 at Vandegrift's.

This revised edition has one notable misstatement: "Cook books are superfluous baggage." After learning this book by heart you might dare leave it out of your baggage, but until then it's as necessary as the skillet.

The Hildebrands have done an important job in a delightful manner. It inspires the laziest camper to build a meal that satisfies. Balanced rations are important. Mere gain in weight is too often the gauge of good meals, but more probably shows an excess of carbohydrates. Use this book, keep your weight normal, and your strength and health at tops.

—H.M.H.

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—Robert K. Brinton

Ski Vistas on Mt. San Antonio

LOS ANGELES AT HOME ON SKIS

ETHEL SEVERSON VAN DEGRIFT

Our author has favored TRAILS MAGAZINE with many excellent ski articles in the past, and again offers an article from her able pen, a survey of the splendid skiing opportunities in Southern California.

Other publications for which she writes are: Los Angeles Times, Tuesday and Friday, as ski columnist under the heading, "Ski Slants"; and Ski Illustrated, monthly during the ski season, as Associate Editor. —ECB

If the spirit of Walter Mosauer, who first raised the hue and cry about skiing in Southern California, is observing from the slopes of his well-loved Mount San Antonio, he must be very happy at the trend of events here in the South. Perhaps, taking note of the scores of ski clubs springing up, the jolly ski huts and lodges, and—crowning glory—the first chair lift nearing completion—he is giving vent to his pleasure with an ecstatic christie, and his effervescent, "Zis is won-der-ful!"

Always the hills have been here. And in the winter the snow—waiting. But just such a short time ago most people did not believe that the white shadow along the ranges was really snow, or, if they did believe, they were a little ashamed and reluctant to admit that such an element should be present to mar the land of oranges and eternal sunshine.

Now, of course, the worm has turned. We are eager to prove that we have as good skiing near Los Angeles as there is anywhere in the United States—yea, even in the world! And the extraordinary thing is that it is true.

Each season, slowly but surely, new developments are added which make our snows more accessible to our skis. By far the greatest single stride forward is being taken this season with the advent of the chair lift on Mount Waterman. The only other chair lifts in the entire West are at Sun Valley, Idaho; the Sugar Bowl in northern California; Mount Hood, Oregon; and Alta, Utah.

The great development that has made it possible to project this chair lift is the opening of the Angeles Crest Highway. Last winter there was a great commotion among Los Angeles skiers when it was realized that this highway made accessible a completely new ski area, within an hour of the city, and an area, moreover, which is high enough to catch and hold the snows for a long season. A rope tow was installed on the side of the mountain, below the highway, by Lynn Newcomb and his sons, members of a family which had homesteaded a ranch back in the mountains adjacent to Mount Waterman as long ago as 1886. The sons had become skiers, and it was because of their enthusiasm that the rope tow was installed. It

proved a stupendous success with the public, and the demand was so great for added facilities that Mr. Newcomb decided to go the whole way and erect a chair lift, which will be in operation during the present season. Skiers will mount the lift in Cooper Canyon, at the Angeles Crest Highway, at about the 7000-foot elevation, and will be carried a distance of 2100 feet to the elevation of 7800 feet. This is a vertical rise of 800 feet, and takes the skier to one end of a great horseshoe-like knoll which constitutes the top of the mountain. Here are a thousand acres of open, rolling slopes, forming three rather distinct bowls. Two supplementary rope tows on the mountain-top will enable the skier to enjoy these high slopes to the fullest. Besides, many runs of varying length and steepness, cleared by the Forest Service, will radiate from the mountain-top. One of these, for the experts, will drop 2000 feet in a half mile.

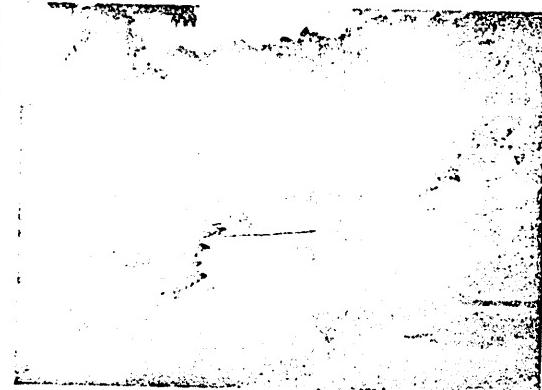
To make the summit of Waterman a complete paradise for skiers, a warming hut, lunch room, and ski school also will be provided.

Mr. Newcomb estimates that the chair lift, with single chairs 100 feet apart, will haul three hundred skiers an hour.

This splendid development will put the ski-sport a long way forward in Southern California. A problem remaining to be entirely solved is that of parking, but a bus shuttle service to be instituted from the Newcomb Ranch will do much to ease this difficulty.

Incidentally, it has been said on good authority that Angeles Crest Highway is the most important recreational highway in the state.

An even more wonderful ski area near Los Angeles—an area which has been compared to the best anywhere in the country—is Mount



Robert K. Brinton

San Antonio Bowl

San Gorgonio, 11,485 feet in elevation, and a little more than a hundred miles distant. Here the snows come early in the season and cling until early summer in the magnificent draws on the north side. Here, above timberline, are open slopes more than a mile in length, where the terrain and quality of the snow and the sheer, rugged beauty of the scenery send skiers into rhapsodies.

The annual San Gorgonio Downhill Race, sponsored jointly by the Ski Mountaineers of the Sierra Club and the Edelweiss Ski Club, was run last year in late April on a course which dropped two and one-half miles in 2500 feet, beginning at 10,500 feet. This gives an idea of the kind of skiing which can be had on San Gorgonio. The depressing aspect at the present time is that it is necessary to pack in several miles of mountain trail on foot, carrying skis, food, and sleeping equipment (if one wishes to stay overnight), and this takes so much more time and energy than the average skier can spare that San Gorgonio devotees are few and necessarily the most hardy.

It is felt by the more optimistic, however, that, before long, steps will be taken to make San Gorgonio somewhat more accessible to the fast-growing hordes of winter sportsmen. Naturally, those responsible for the handling of this wilderness area are anxious that any action taken be the result of wise and well-considered judgment, based on the maximum enjoyment of the area by all groups concerned. The problem is even now being carefully studied. Meanwhile, San Gorgonio is Southern California's great "white hope".

Another splendid region that is somewhat less difficult of access is Mount San Antonio, 10,080 feet in elevation, and only fifty miles from Los Angeles. Its white summit is visible from the city on any clear day during the winter. Two miles of steep trail bring the skier



Robert K. Brinton

Under the Huge Cornice on Mt. San Gorgonio

to a gigantic bowl of snow, beginning at nearly 9,000 feet. Beyond the upper edge of this bowl, which is about 500 feet high, a climb of another mile or so puts him on the large, gently rounded summit of the mountain, where he can bask in the sun, admire the view of ocean on one side and desert on the other, and fall asleep over his lunch for a few minutes before taking the exhilarating run down to the 9,000-foot level. Here the Ski Mountaineers have a picturesque hut which has been the scene of many a lively weekend, and always serves as headquarters for the races that are staged in the "Baldy" bowl.

Easy of access and rich in good runs for both beginner and expert is the ski area of Big Pines, about one hundred miles by good highway from Los Angeles. The approach to Table Mountain has been greatly improved this year, with parking facilities enlarged. The ski tow on Table Mountain has been lengthened to more than a quarter of a mile, and the vertical rise is 500 feet. A parking area large enough for 350 cars has been added at the top of the road.

Blue Ridge, another section of the Big Pines area, has slopes which have been compared to such ski-heavens as Sugar Bowl and Badger Pass, and a 1,000-foot rope tow has been installed there for this season.

The Big Pines and Blue Ridge area is the special pride and joy of the Big Pines Ski Club, which maintains a club house there (page 28), and sponsors several races during the season.

The Rim o' the World Highway, beginning



—Robert K. Brinton
San Antonio Ski Hut



—Parker Severson
Winter at Big Pines Park

at Lake Arrowhead and extending to Big Bear Lake, runs the gamut of many varied snow resorts. Snow Valley and Keller Peak, about halfway between the two high mountain lakes, has the benefit of a rope tow and a warming house, and several ski clubs maintain cabins there, among them the Snow Valley Ski Club, Ski Mountaineers of the Sierra Club, the Ski Runners, and the Southern Skis.

Two or three miles off the Rim o' the World, on a highway usually kept open throughout the winter, is a beautiful ski area adjacent to Green Valley Lake. There are rope tows, and the Long Beach Ski Club has chosen this for its headquarters.

Big Bear Lake, having facilities for accommodating large numbers of people, is extremely popular with winter sports lovers. There is a tow available by foot or tractor from the main street of the village, and, moreover, there are excellent ski fields just a mile or two beyond the village. For the cross-country skier, the peak known as Sugar Loaf is an ideal objective, and it was one of the favorites of Dr. Mosauer.

On the other side of San Gorgonio Pass, looking down on Palm Springs, is another gorgeous snow-covered peak. This is Mount

San Jacinto, which towers over the desert, and holds in its upper fastnesses some enchanting snow bowls which are not overly crowded because of some difficulty in access. There is a tow near the lovely mountain village of Idyllwild, and accommodations can be had there.

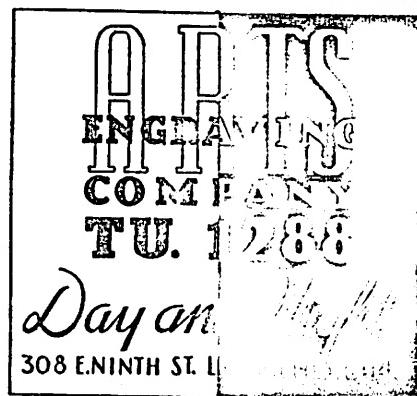
Several areas of lesser importance furnish added excitement when the snows fall low on the mountains—notably Mount Wilson, just behind Pasadena, and Crystal Lake.

Without exaggerating in the least, we are safe in saying that Los Angeles is one of the most fortunately situated cities in the United States for winter sports enjoyment. Our ski-lands are close at hand, reached by good highways which do not enter snow until the last few miles, and more than any other part of the country we have warm sunshine for our skiing.

CALENDAR

(Some events subject to change)

- Jan 8-10. Intercollegiate Hockey Matches for President Hoover Trophy. Yosemite.
- Jan 25. Invitation Downhill and Slalom Races. Snow Valley Ski Club, Snow Valley.
- Jan 31-Feb 1. California Division, Southern District, 4. Classes B and C Downhill and Slalom Qualifying Races. Pasadena Ski Club.
- Feb 1. Invitation Classes A and B Ski Meet, Downhill and Slalom. Badger Pass, Yosemite.
- Feb 8. Third Annual Open Slalom. Big Pines Ski Club, Big Pines Park.
- Feb 15. SCOF Trail Day. Dark Canyon Trail below Angeles Crest Highway.
- Feb 21-22. Kern Co. Annual Downhill and Slalom Races. Mt. Pinos Ski Club.
- Feb 27-Mar 1. Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Ski Union and Pacific Coast Conference Ski Championships. Yosemite.
- Mar 1. Third Annual Open Downhill Race. Big Pines Ski Club, Big Pines Park.
- Mar 7-14. Eighth Annual California Conservation Week.
- Mar 8. Downhill Races. Ski Mountaineers, San Antonio Bowl.



—Bess Markson

Winter Magic

WINTER RUNE

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Unriddle me my riddle
If you would have my love:
What is warm to all beneath
And cold to all above?

What moves gentle as a girl,
And has waves like the sea,
And is lighter than a butterfly,
And yet will break a tree?

What closes many a door,
As strongly as a bar,
And silences the footfalls,
And shines like a star?

And makes blossoms bloom
Where no blossoms were,
And pleases dogs and children
And the philosopher?

—ELIZABETH COATSWORTH

Mar 13-14. National Downhill and Slalom Championships for Men and Women. Yosemite Winter Club, Yosemite.

Mar 15. SCOF Trail Day. Lightning Trail from Three Points.

OUTING CLUB NEWS

Altadena Chamber of Commerce

Member of SCOF

CHARLES D. PERLEE, Vice-President
Christmas Tree Lane

Altadena is noted all over the world as the home of that famous mile of deodar trees known as Christmas Tree Lane. When the trees are not lighted with their thousands of multicolored bulbs, the Lane is known as Santa Rosa Avenue.

Other communities in various parts of the country have lighted rows of trees during the Christmas season, but Altadena conceived the idea through the suggestion of F. C. Nash, and first lighted the trees in 1920. This year they will be lighted starting Christmas Eve and continuing through January 1.

The Lane once served as a driveway into the estate of John Woodbury. While traveling in Italy, a few years before coming to California, he became interested in the tree, *Cedrus deodara*, which proved to be a native of the Himalayas. When developing his ranch Mr. Woodbury remembered the tree and believed that it would thrive in California. Seeds were planted in cold frames in 1883. Two years later, when about two feet high, the seedlings were planted along the drive. The deodar does do well in California. The trees are now 58 years old, 40 to 80 feet high, and make a most majestic sight, with or without lights. Such was the origin of Christmas Tree Lane.

American Youth Hostels, Inc.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA COUNCIL

RUSSELL JORGENSEN, Executive Secretary

Would you like to hike or bike, cook your own meals, and spend an inexpensive week end with a friendly group? All ages are welcome. Guest passes to hostels are issued free if you want to try hosteling.

Week-end trips leave on Saturday P.M. and return Sunday throughout December and January. Also an eight-day cycle trip from Los Angeles to Mexico, educational as well as vocational, under a competent leader, will start December 28 and end January 4. If interested call MA 8088, or write to American Youth Hostels, Inc., 1266 Lilac Terrace, Los Angeles.

Promenade to Echo Park Recreational Lodge every second and fourth Friday each month to enjoy square and cowboy dances—excellent leader, good music, and plenty of fun.

THE CYCLE CABARET, January 17: See the "Gay Nineties" and their cycles!—stunt riders, comedians, folk dancers, and preview of the new technicolor Southern California Hosteling film. Invite your friends and reserve your table with Hostels Headquarters. The returns will go toward more hostels.

NEEDED: Old blankets, mattresses, springs, beds, tents, and cooking utensils at many hostels. If you know of any will you call us?

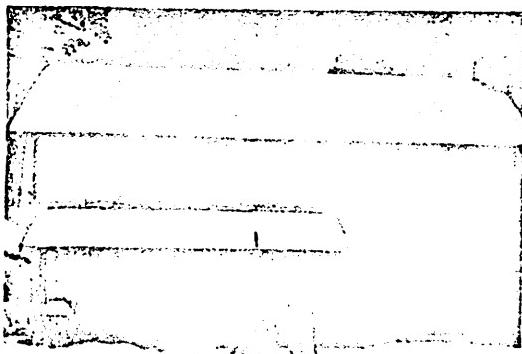
Big Pines Ski Club, Inc.

WALTER H. CLEMMONS, President

The phenomenal increase in the skiing population of Southern California and the promise of a long winter indicate that this will be the most active season in the history of the Big Pines Ski Club.

Our improved Headquarters at Big Pines Park will provide unusually comfortable sleeping accommodations for over fifty members. The road to Table Mountain, widened by the Forest Service, and the large parking area near the summit, will be kept clear. The ski tow on Table Mountain will be lengthened and a new rope tow on "Slalom Hill" on the Blue Ridge side will be ready when December snows come. Numerous ski trails will be re-marked and extended in order to encourage ski touring farther into the beautiful back country.

Our ski hut, on the very summit of the Blue Ridge Mountains at 8,500 feet, to be improved and again maintained free for skiers, will afford a warm shelter and rest house by day, and excellent accommodations for overnight parties of not more than four persons.



—Jerry Tidwell

Big Pines Ski Club Headquarters

Everything will be furnished but food and bedding. The Big Pines Ski Patrol, a unit of the National Ski Patrol System, will operate the hut as a first aid station. A completely equipped rescue toboggan unit will be available every Saturday and Sunday and at all times in emergency.

The Club played host October 18-19 to one of the largest crowds of skiers yet seen from the entire Southland when an unusually early snow blanketed the Park with 17 to 24 inches, surprisingly excellent for skiing. We extend to all skiers a cordial welcome to visit our Headquarters when next in this vicinity.

Boy Scouts of America

VERDUGO HILLS COUNCIL

DON MACDOUGAL, *Field Scout Executive*

Camp Bill Lane, the newest feature of a very active camping program of the Verdugo Hills Council of the Boy Scouts, is in Tujunga Canyon, on property formerly a part of the old Dad Aiken Ranch. It boasts a fine swimming hole and a very primitive atmosphere in which Scouts lay out their own camps. Eighteen troops had their summer camps here.

Seven troops had long-term camps at Crystal Lake, six in the High Sierra and several others on individual sites. Experienced patrol leaders took a rugged pack trip over Piute Pass to Hutchison Meadows in the High Sierra the last of August.

The Explorers, for boys over fifteen, have actively allied with the U.S. Forest Service in: checking trails, aiding public and traffic control in recreational areas, conservation projects, and learning operation of radio equipment. During August they took a High Sierra pack-train trip over Piute, Bishop and Muir Passes.

A 33-page mimeographed pamphlet of Trail Trips in the Angeles Forest is available thru the Scout office, 203 E. Elk St., Glendale.

Cooper Ornithological Club

SOUTHERN DIVISION

DR. HILDEGARDE HOWARD, *President*

The Southern Division of the Cooper Ornithological Club meets the last Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. in the Los Angeles County Museum, Exposition Park.

Mr. Ed. N. Harrison will show his latest motion pictures of birds either at the December meeting or early in the new year. At the January meeting Mrs. Mary Hood will give an illustrated talk on the birds of the Sierra.

Girl Scouts, Los Angeles Council

Member of SCOF

MRS. CHARLES TONEY, *Commissioner*
Chamber of Commerce Building, Los Angeles

With a total registration of over 7,000 in the Los Angeles area, Girl Scouts are learning to live a life useful to themselves, to the community, and to the nation. The national phase has particular significance now, and community service, Red Cross First Aid and all necessary training of value in emergencies are keeping the girls and their leaders busy. The greatest need at present is of more adults to help with the program. Of course, women are needed as troop leaders, and on committees of all kinds. Special training is given for this work, the value of which cannot be measured. Men must not think that these jobs are for women only. Just as women are helping the Boy Scouts in many ways, so also there are opportunities for men with the Girl Scouts. There is work on Troop Committees, and especially at camps where the girls may learn how to live in the outdoors.

These camps range in size from the smaller overnight troop camps to the established year-round and summer camps that give the girls perhaps the richest experience of all. While the regular and local activities are all under the Community Chest, the established camps must be built and maintained by their own funds. The annual cooky sale helps; but more interested men could make possible a few days in the hills for girls who would not otherwise have this golden experience.

A new camp, to be used all year round as soon as enough improvements can be made, is just being started on the high ridge west of Three Points, above Chilao. From this point both the desert and the islands of the ocean are visible, and soon your daughter, or your neighbor's daughter, will come back from a few days' life here in the open, and with cheeks aglow and eager eyes tell you of the wonderful, happy time she had at Camp Carmelita.

Glendale Community Hikers

Member of SCOF

NORMAN L. SMITH, *Publicity Chairman*

The quarterly bulletin of the Glendale Community Hikers for January, February, and March has a good program outlined with several hikes into new territory.

Some trips to be taken are: January 11, Colby Ranch, from the new Angeles Forest Highway; January 30, moonlight hike down to Opid's and Valley Forge; February 8, Bar-

ley Flat, starting from the far entrance and ending at Redbox; February 25, moonlight hike to San Rafael Lookout; March 8, Fountain Head Spring, from Angeles Forest Highway; March 15, breakfast hike at La Canada Park; March 22, Orchard Camp; March 28-29, annual desert trip, which will be to Calico, camping in Mule Canyon.

Bulletins will be mailed to interested parties upon request. Information as to rules, meeting place for trips, and all club activities may be had from the Chairman, Dorothy M. Johnson, 315 W. Wilson Av., Glendale, CI 2-5131.

John Muir Association
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

Member of SCOF

DR. MORGAN ODELL, President
Occidental College, Los Angeles

This Association is nation-wide, and was organized by friends of John Muir to perpetuate his memory by working for the preservation and proper use of our outdoor heritage. John Muir has been called The Father of our National Parks. He was the founder of the Sierra Club, and his books have been an inspiration to all. The Association sponsors lectures on outdoor subjects, has an annual dinner meeting, and is ready at any time to do its part toward the same ideals that guide the Southern California Outdoor Federation.

Nature Club of Southern California

DR. H. J. ANDREWS, President

The Nature Club of Southern California was organized nearly twenty years ago in order to study Bird, Animal, and Plant Life, and other phases of Nature; to foster a greater love and appreciation of the beauties of nature; to understand the economic value of natural resources; and to assist in their conservation. These objectives fit in beautifully with those of the Southern California Outdoor Federation.

Our program of lectures, usually supplemented by pictures, provides profitable information, education, and social pleasure with others similarly interested. Hikes and trips are usually taken twice a month; and study classes in various phases of Natural History are organized at the request of groups of members.

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month, at Boos' Bros. Cafeteria, 530 South Hill St., at 6 P.M.

Anyone interested is invited to visit us, or to send for the monthly Bulletin to Mr. F. C. Davis, 1011 North Louise St., Glendale.

Ramblers

Member of SCOF

E. C. BOWER, President

The Ramblers organized in 1941 in order to furnish an additional nucleus for congenial hiking. The weekly trips are varied and well within average ability, but anyone may generally hike as far as he likes, or not at all, especially on the overnite trips, and yet thoroly enjoy the outing.

The trips for the winter months take us to some desert and other places new to most of us. Scheduled events: Jan, Split Cyn near Borego, Strawberry Pk, Barley Flat, Santa Anita Cyn, Santiago Pk; Feb, Little Dark Cyn, SCOF Trail day, evening of pictures, Orchard Camp, Indian Cyn and 49 Palms; Mar, Verdugo Hills and Barbecue, SCOF Trail Day, Castaic-Fish Cyn, Josephine Cyn.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend as often as he likes without any formality or obligation. Do not expect a special invitation. Just come! There are no dues as such, but securing the schedule handbook at cost entitles one to associate membership. Transportation from and to one's home is arranged on a share-expense plan. For fuller information call the President, 3346 Wood Tr, Los Angeles, NO 1-7703, or Griffith Observatory, OL 1191.

Roamer Hiking Club

Member of SCOF

KEITH V. PETERSON, Outing Chairman

Those responsible for putting TRAILS MAGAZINE back in circulation deserve a word of praise and thanks. May the magazine continue its good work for many years to come.

The Roamer Hiking Club is composed of single and married folk. Nearing its twenty-second birthday it has provided many interesting hikes and good times at social affairs which include card parties, dances, picnics, etc.

The hikes vary in length and elevation. A club with our varied program offers pleasure to many who wish to join. However, before you make your choice to be one of this group, we invite you to attend some of the following events: Outings: a trip to the Club's cabin in Dark Canyon, the annual trip to the snow, follow the leader hike, and Sturtevant's Camp. Social Events: roller skating, Christmas, bowling, anniversary, and bridge parties, and dances.

If interested in any of the above send a card to the Outing Chairman, 715 S. Hope St., Y.M.C.A., Los Angeles, or to Bernice Matthews, Secretary, 3509 10th Av., Los Angeles, and ask for our folder giving more detailed information.

Sierra Club

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

ROBERT K. BRINTON, Chairman

Ski Mountaineers Section

Our lodges, the San Antonio Ski Hut (page 26) and Snow Valley Ski Lodge will be open at all times to members and their guests.

Competent free ski instruction will be given week ends in January and the first part of February. Tests by approved judges and complying with the California Ski Association standards are planned.

We plan many tours: one-day for fourth class skiers, and overnight for those more advanced, when the touring and snow camping technique developed in the Sierra Club will be shown.

The bi-weekly *Mugelnoos*, \$1.00 per year, offers the best means of keeping in touch with our activities. Anyone interested in participating is urged to contact the Chairman, 1832 S. Curson Av., Los Angeles.

Southwest Bird Study Club

MRS. ALMA W. MASON, President

Meetings will be held as follows:

- Jan. 5 10 am—Museum, Exposition Park
- Jan. 12 9 am—Lippincott Picnic Ground, Griffith Park
- Jan. 19 9 am—Bolsa Chica Gun Club
- Jan. 26 9 am—Sunland
- Feb. 2 10 am—Museum, Exposition Park
- Feb. 9 9 am—Playa del Rey
- Feb. 16 9 am—Johnson Lake & Friendship Forum
- Feb. 23 9 am—Santa Anita Rancho
- Mar. 2 10 am—Museum, Exposition Park
- Mar. 9 9 am—Anaheim Landing
- Mar. 16 9 am—Oak Grove Park, Pasadena
- Mar. 23 9 am—Chantry Flat

For further information, call the President, CA 3441, or Miss Evelyn McDowell, Secretary, CL 6-4572.

**Boys from about 11 to 14 interested in
MOUNTAIN CLIMBING SKIING
NATURE STUDY CAMPING**

are invited to visit these Trailfinders councils:

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| CAHUENAS | Fridays | 7:30-9:00 p.m. | Wilshire Branch Library 149 N. St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles |
| CHILAOS | Wednesdays | 7:15-8:30 p.m. | The Trailfinders School Mariposa at El Molino, Altadena |
| ZUNIS | Thursdays | 7:30-9:00 p.m. | Community Meth. Church Wilshire and Warner, Westwood |

The Trailfinders is eleemosynary and non-profit, incorporated to further character building and outdoor activities.

Headquarters: TRAILFINDERS SCHOOL
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TrailfindersHARRY C. JAMES, *Chief Trailfinder*

The Trailfinders made several interesting trips during the past three months under the leadership of Harry C. James, Chief, Chas. D. Perlee, and Walter M. Bybee, including the following climbs: Waterman, Throop, Islip, Strawberry, Pacifico, San Antonio, and Baden-Powell. The forty boys in the Trailfinders Ski Club plan ski trips to Mt. Waterman, Big Pines, San Jacinto, Snow Valley, and at Easter to Yosemite. Several week ends were spent at Sespe Canyon working on the old Brownstone property, offered for the use of the Trailfinders by H. A. Ivers, owner.

Women's Athletic Club of GlendaleMABLE MCINTOSH, *Hiking Chairman*

The hiking section of the Women's Athletic Club of Glendale was formed sixteen years ago. There are 31 members, with an average attendance of 20. Each Thursday, except in June, July and August, we drive from Glendale at 8:30am to the trail, hike as far as desired, and have our picnic lunch along the way.

There are some very beautiful hikes and lovely trails in the Angeles Forest. We have climbed all the peaks except Mt. Pacifico, and plan a trip there in the near future.

Since the season began, our shortest hike has been three miles, our longest twelve.

Yucca Hiking Club

Member of SCOF

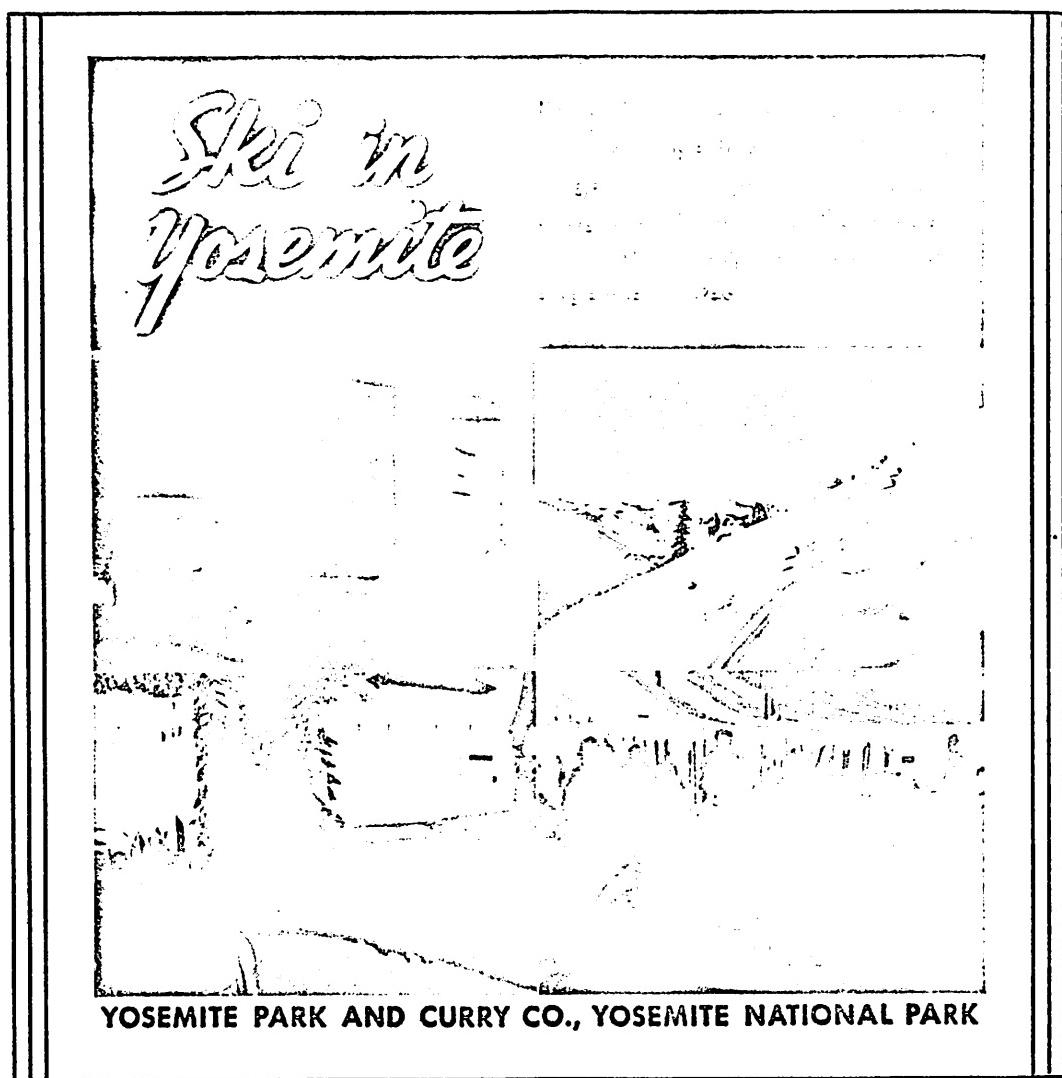
RICHARD LEJON JOHNSON, *Trail Leader*

116 N. Alta Vista Av., Monrovia

The trail trips of the Yucca Hiking Club of Monrovia give the regular hiker a constantly growing appreciation of the beauty our mountains hold: the tiny flower, graceful fern, serviceable chaparral shrub, majestic tree, singing stream, leaping waterfall, monumental rock, pinnacled peak, ever-changing cloud, the far-flung view, and the happy trail that leads ever onward.

The Club has enjoyed trips to Mt. Williamson, Horse Flat, Bear Flat, Mt. Lowe Tavern, Islip-Hawkins Saddle, West Fork of San Gabriel Canyon, Pinezanita Lodge, Roberts Canyon, Bichota Canyon to Burro Canyon, and Lady Waterman Peak, the crowning event.

Our trips start at 8:30am on Thursdays from Foothill Bl. and Myrtle Av., Monrovia. All are welcome.



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